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Sir:

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For the concise explanation of relevance for non-English document JP 7-23226, the Examiner is respectfully referred to the English-language abstract attached thereto, and to counterpart U.S. Patent 5,854,688.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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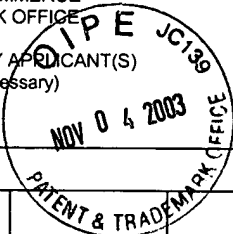
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		<b>7-23226</b>	<b>1/24/95</b>	<b>Japan</b>	<b>H04N</b>	<b>1/409</b>	<b>Abst. &amp; Counterpart U.S. Patent 5,854,688</b>
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